

REMARKS

Claims 1, 7-9, 11-14, 20-22 and 24-30 are currently active.

Claims 3-6, 10, 16-19 and 23 have been canceled.

Claims 27-30 have been added.

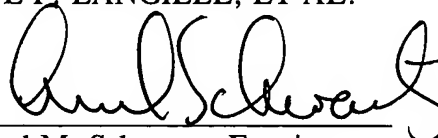
The Examiner has found Claims 4, 6, 10-13, 17, 19 and 23-26 allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 1, 14 and 27-30 are Claims 4, 17, 6, 10, 18 and 23, respectively rewritten as such.

It is respectfully submitted the above-identified patent application is now in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully requested that the outstanding rejections and objections to this application be reconsidered and withdrawn, and Claims 1, 7-9, 11-14, 20-22 and 24-30, now in this application be allowed.

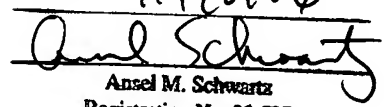
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